



## **Science and Religion Forum**

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**President:** Professor John Hedley Brooke

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### **2014 Annual Conference**

**Thursday 4 to Saturday 6 September 2014**

### **‘Laws of Nature, Laws of God?’**

The conference will take place at Leeds Trinity University from 4 to 6 September 2014. The University is located to the north-west of the city in Horsforth, and is easily reachable by train. Horsforth is on the Leeds-York railway line and the train journey from the city centre takes about 10 minutes. The University is then a 10-15 minute walk, or short taxi ride, from Horsforth station. The campus is fairly well provided with car-parking so there should be no difficulty for members who wish to come by car.

Accommodation will be in en suite single rooms.

The Conference is open to members and non-members of the Science and Religion Forum.

The plenary speakers will include–

**Geoffrey Cantor** (Leeds),  
**Nancy Cartwright** FBA (Durham),  
**John Henry** (Edinburgh),  
**Michela Massimi** (Edinburgh),  
**Tom McLeish** FRS (Durham),  
**Eric Priest** FRSE, FRS (St Andrews)  
**Jonathan Topham** (Leeds).

**Professor Nancy Cartwright** will be giving the Gowland Lecture which will be entitled 'How *could* laws make things happen?'.

## Bookings and Registration

The Conference fees are as follows:

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| SRF members and spouses | £250 |
| Non-members             | £280 |
| Students                | £125 |

The fee covers registration, accommodation, meals and coffee/tea breaks, and conference documents.

Students in full-time education may apply to attend at the student rate even if they are not yet members of the Forum.

For those wishing to attend as non-residents the fee (with dinner) is £150 for members and £180 for non-members

Please complete a conference registration form and e-mail or post it to the Membership Secretary

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The closing date for conference applications is 31 July 2014.

Payment must be included with the Conference registration form or payment may be made by credit card through PayPal (please see the Forum's website for details of how to make a payment through PayPal).

A small number of bursaries are available to assist with the cost of Conference attendance (see below for application details).

Registration will begin at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 September, and the Conference will begin at 4.30 p.m. with a short introductory session followed by the first plenary session. There will be a service of worship on the Friday morning, to which all participants are welcomed. The Conference

dinner will be held on the Friday evening. The Conference will end with lunch on Saturday 6 September.

## Call for Short papers

The conference will include a Short Paper session for which all attendees are encouraged to submit proposals. **Short papers must be related to the main conference theme.**

Each speaker will have a maximum of 15 minutes presentation time, to be followed by 10 minutes discussion. Proposals, in the form of a title and a 200 word summary, should be sent by Friday 27 June 2014 to Dr Andrew Robinson at [a.j.robinson@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.robinson@exeter.ac.uk) .

Submissions will be acknowledged within two weeks of receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgment please re-submit your proposal. Acceptance of short papers will be according to criteria of quality, originality, relevance to the conference theme, and plausibility of presentation within 15 minutes. Submissions from students are particularly encouraged. Those whose proposals are accepted will be informed by Friday 18 July 2014.

## Bursaries

The Forum is offering a limited number of bursaries, each worth £60, to members of at least six month's standing who have no financial assistance from employers or sponsors.

Bursary applications, preferably by e-mail, should be sent to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Hilary Martin (address above).

The closing date for Bursary applications is 11 July 2014.

## Peacocke Student Essay Prize

In memory of its founding President and former Chairman, the Revd Dr Arthur Peacocke, the Science and Religion Forum offers a prize for an essay directly relevant to the theme of its annual conference.

The prize is open to all undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The prize will consist of a cash award of £100, free membership of the Forum for one year, and the UK travel and accommodation costs (or equivalent of) of the winner's participation in the Forum's 2014 conference. Subject to the decision of the panel, the winning essay will be published in the Forum's journal (*Reviews in Science and Religion*) and the winner may be given the opportunity to present the paper at the annual conference.

The essay should not exceed 5000 words in length, including footnotes but excluding references. It should be preceded by an abstract of no more than 250 words, and should be submitted as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format, no later than 31 July 2014 to Dr Louise Hickman: [l.hickman@newman.ac.uk](mailto:l.hickman@newman.ac.uk). Dr Hickman will answer any questions about the prize. All submissions will be acknowledged within 1 week of receipt.

The essay should be the original work of the applicant – unacknowledged quotation from the work of others will automatically disqualify the entry. Copyright in the essay will remain with the author. Each submission should be accompanied by a statement from the author's Supervisor or Head of Department, confirming the author's student status and indicating awareness that the essay has been submitted. The adjudicators reserve the right not to award the Prize if no entry of sufficient standard is received. Their decision will be final, and no correspondence about it will be entered into.

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